Reports (FIRs) have been filed under Indian Penal Code against Directors/ Promoters of 90 vanishing companies.

Penal Actions against Reliance Capital Ltd.

1916. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during 1998-99, Government had initiated penal actions against M/s Reliance Capital Ltd. (formerly Reliance Cap. & Fin.);

(b) whether same penal actions were also initiated against M/s Sterlite Industries (India) Ltd. during the same period; and

(c) if so, the present status of the cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Do not arise.

Credit Facilities to Farmers through Banks

1917. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have framed any policy and implemented any scheme to give crop loans, term loans and various Government credit facilities through Banks to farmers who are agriculture tenants and share croppers and farmers who do not have Pattadar Pass books, as more suicide deaths are taking place amongst these categories of farmers, who are exploited by private money lenders through abnormal rate of interest;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether Government would assure of implementing schemes to benefit them; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (d) National Bank of Agriculture

and Rural Development (NABARD) has formulated a new scheme for providing loans to tenant farmers and oral lessees for raising crops recently. Under the scheme, NABARD facilitate formation and financing of groups of tenant farmers for raising crops by organizing them into groups known as 'Tenant Farmers' Groups (TFGs)'. The objective of the scheme is to provide crop loan through institutional agencies to tenant farmers, oral lessees and farmers having land without proper records who are not being extended adequate credit support by banks due to the inability of the farmers in providing tangible securities and/or producing records regarding their rights on the crops cultivated. The scheme envisages refinance support to the extent of 100% by NABARD to the State Co-operative Banks (SCBs)/ District Central Co-operative Banks (DCCBs) for providing loans to the groups.

Rate of interest on loans raised by State Governments

1918. SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ:

SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of loans, category-wise, and the agency from which obtained with rate of interest in each case, raised by each State Government in the country;

(b) whether there is any limit beyond which a State Government cannot raise a loan; if so, whether any State Government transgressed this limit;

(c) if so, the names of State Governments which are defaulters; and

(d) what does Central Government propose to do to help improve the financial position of the State, including writing off the loan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) A Statement showing state-wise and category-wise loans of State governments as on 31.3.2004 (BE) is annexed. (*See below*) Interest rate vary from loan and are also renegotiated/ reset by States with lenders, wherever agreed/provided for in the loan agreement. Government of India's rate of interest on plan loans currently is 9%.

(b) and (c) Government of India is determining and providing indicative borrowing ceilings for each State to the Planning Commission for finalising